

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Chad Nelson et al.

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Serial No. : 10/040,091

Examiner : S. Gordon

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Title : BULKHEAD AND PARTITION SYSTEMS

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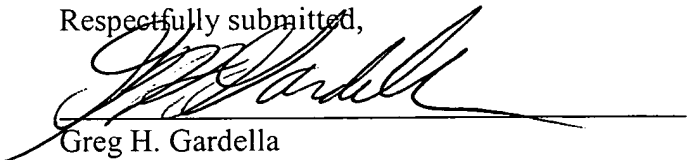
RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the restriction requirement mailed March 28, 2003, Applicants elect without traverse Group I, claims 1-20.

Applicants traverse the Examiner's contention that claims of Group I are directed to several distinct species. During an interview on June 26, 2003, Applicants pointed out that even the dependent claims of Group I are generic with respect to the various species identified by the Examiner. The Examiner preliminarily agreed with Applicants' assessment of the Group I claims. Accordingly, Applicants hereby elect all claims of Group I for prosecution on the merits.

Applicants believe the election of the claims of Group I is fully responsive to the action mailed March 28, 2003. Enclosed is check in the amount of \$205 for the Petition for Two-Month Extension of Time fee. Please apply any deficiencies or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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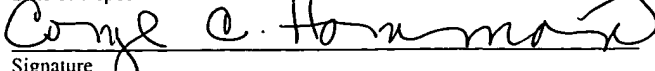
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